



Nearly half of Americans think the U.S. is spending too much on Ukraine aid

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WASHINGTON (AP) — As lawmakers in Washington weigh sending billions more in federal support to Kyiv to help fight off Russian aggression, close to half of the U.S. public thinks the country is spending too much on aid to Ukraine, according to polling from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Those sentiments, driven primarily by Republicans, help explain the hardening opposition among conservative GOP lawmakers on Capitol Hill who are rebuffing efforts from President Joe Biden to approve a new tranche of Ukraine aid, arguing that the money would be better spent for domestic priorities.

Yet opposition to aid is down slightly from where it was a month ago in another AP-NORC poll.



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Ukrainian soldiers navigate on the Dnipro river by boat at the frontline near Kherson, Ukraine, Sunday, June 11, 2023.

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Now, 45% say the U.S. government is spending too much on aid to Ukraine in the war against Russia, compared with 52% in October. That shift appears to come mostly from Republicans: 59% now say too much is spent on Ukraine aid, but that's down from 69% in October.

Nonetheless, the Republican resistance to continued Ukraine aid remains strong.

"I understand the citizens need help, but I feel like we're spending way too much money on Ukraine when we have our issues here, on our own soil, that we need to deal with," said Eric Mondello, 40, from Fountain, Colorado. Pointing to needs such as health care for veterans and homelessness in communities, Mondello added: "I understand the U.S. has been an ally to others, but I feel like, let's take care of our people first."

More than one-third (38%) of U.S. adults say that current spending is "about the right amount," which is up slightly from last month (31%). Among Republicans, nearly 3 in 10 (29%) say the current spending is about right, up from 20% last month.

Paula Graves, 69, is among those who says the amount of spending for Ukraine is the right amount.

"Putin, he's straight up evil. I don't think there should be any question in anyone's mind," said Graves, of Clovis, California. "He's a dictator. He's infringed on human rights, he's a very scary person and if Ukraine falls to him, who's next? What country's next?"

Graves, who says she is not affiliated with a political party but leans more conservative, said she believes the U.S. has a leadership role on the global stage and added: "I think we definitely need to put America first, but I don't think that needs to be first and only." The White House has been repeatedly pressing law-



Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, left, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Air Force Gen. CQ Brown, participates in a virtual Ukraine Defense Contact Group (UDCG) meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023, at the Pentagon in Washington.

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makers to pass Biden's nearly \$106 billion emergency spending package that he proposed in October, which includes more than \$61 billion specifically for the war in Ukraine. The rest of Biden's request has aid for Israel as it battles Hamas, money for various priorities in the Indo-Pacific region and additional resources to help manage migration at the southern border.

On Ukraine, the Biden administration is increasingly warning that the well of aid is running dry. In an unannounced visit to Kyiv on Monday, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said Ukraine's effort to defeat Russian forces "matters to the rest of the world" and pledged that U.S. support would continue "for the long haul."

That message was reinforced at the White House. "As President Biden has said, when aggressors don't pay a price for their aggression, they'll cause more chaos and death and destruction," John Kirby, spokesman for the National Security Council,

told the White House press briefing Monday. "They just keep on going, and the cost and the threats to America and to the world will keep rising."

But Congress has rebuffed the White House efforts at bolstering Ukraine support at least twice in recent months. First, it ignored a roughly \$40 billion supplemental request before a Sept. 30 funding deadline. Then last week, it passed a stopgap funding measure that keeps the government operating through early next year, but with no additional Ukraine aid.

In the Senate, a small bipartisan group is working on legislation that would combine fresh Ukraine assistance with stricter border measures to address concerns from Republicans that the U.S. was focused on needs abroad at the expense of issues closer to home. A broad majority of senators remains supportive of Ukraine aid, with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., being one of the most stalwart supporters despite the isolationist strain in his party.

South Dakota Sen. John Thune, the No. 2 Republican in the Senate, said lawmakers will continue to work on the Ukraine-border package over the Thanksgiving break and won't wait until mid-January — when Congress faces another government funding deadline — to act on Ukraine.

The big question mark is in the House, where still-new Speaker Mike Johnson — who had voted against Ukraine aid as a rank-and-file conservative — has spoken broadly of the need to counter Russian aggression yet faces unruly GOP lawmakers who have shown more hostility to continued support for Kyiv.

Johnson, too, is insisting that additional Ukraine aid be paired with tougher border measures, although it is far from certain that any immigration agreement that clears the Democratic-led Senate could pass the GOP-controlled House.

Half of U.S. adults are extremely or very concerned that Russia's influence poses a direct threat to the United States. Democrats (53%)

and Republicans (51%) are similarly concerned about Russian power — but Democrats are more likely than Republicans to see Ukraine as a nation of shared values to the U.S. and to support more aid for Ukraine.

About half of the public (48%) endorses providing weapons to Ukraine (57% among Democrats, 42% among Republicans). About 4 in 10 favor sending government funds directly to Ukraine (54% for Democrats, 24% for Republicans). Americans have grown slightly more likely to say the U.S. should take "a less active role" in solving the world's problems, compared with a September poll from AP-NORC and Pearson. Slightly fewer than half (45%) now say the U.S. should be less involved, up from 33% in September. Just 16% of Democrats now say the U.S. should take a more active role, down from 29% in September.

Peter Einsig, a Republican from Tulsa, Oklahoma, said he still believes the U.S. has a role to play abroad, but that he remains concerned about excessive government spending and federal debt. Yet Einsig said he would be more inclined to support aid to Ukraine if there were more oversight into how the money was being used abroad, as well as a timeline of how much longer the U.S. would be providing support.

"We don't have transparency on where the money is really, really going," said Einsig, 40. "It's a big lump sum."

Four in 10 U.S. adults say Ukraine is an ally that shares U.S. interests and values. That view is most common among Democrats (53%), who are much more likely than independents (28%), Republicans (29%) and Americans overall to see Ukraine as a nation with similar values and needs. About half of Republicans say Ukraine is a partner that the U.S. should cooperate with, but say it is not a nation that shares U.S. values. □

Turkey rules the table. But an AP-NORC poll finds disagreement over other Thanksgiving classics

By **MARK KENNEDY and LINLEY SANDERS**
Associated Press

Thanksgiving may be a time for Americans to come together, but opinion is divided over what's on the crowded dinner table. We mostly agree on the deliciousness of pumpkin pie, say, but are split over the eternal turkey question of dark meat versus white meat. And don't even ask if marshmallows belong on sweet potatoes — it could cause a ruckus.

THE BIRD

About 3 in 10 U.S. adults (32%) who will celebrate Thanksgiving this year say turkey is their favorite dish in the holiday feast, according to a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Stuffing or dressing (19%) and mashed potatoes (6%) come in second and third. "Thanksgiving it's about turkey," said Ralph Caya, 71, from Pensacola, Florida, who participated in the survey.

On the other hand, Vaidehi Upadhyaya, a 27-year-old pharmacist in Glen Rock, New Jersey, is a lifelong vegetarian. It's all about the side dishes for her.

Although turkey is tops across U.S. regions and ages, there's a slight generational divide. Americans 45 or older are especially likely to call turkey the best thing on the Thanksgiving table (39%), while younger adults who agree come in at 24%.

Once the turkey is carved, about 4 in 10 celebrators (43%) prefer white meat over dark (28%), and about one in five (21%) have no preference. Older people are more likely than those under 45 to prefer dark meat (31% vs. 24%).

About 1 in 10 adults under 45 don't like the big bird at all.

"I have to go with the white meat," says Carlos Stallworth, 58, of Los Angeles, who also thinks ahead to



A plate of roasted turkey and gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and glazed carrots appears in Concord, N.H., on Oct. 2, 2012.

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leftovers. "You're not going to get a great slice of dark meat to go on a sandwich. But with the white meat, you get that."

THE SAUCE

As for the least favorite dishes on the Thanksgiving table, look no further than cranberries. About 2 in 10 celebrators say cranberries or cranberry sauce wouldn't be missed. (For the record, KRC Research reports 80 million pounds of cranberries are eaten during Thanksgiving week.)

Caya says cranberries on the table are "important," but Upadhyaya is "pretty indifferent," adding: "I'll eat it if it's there but it's like not exciting by any means."

Stallworth, who has taken a few culinary courses, appreciates what cranberries do on the big day: "You definitely want a clash with the salty and the gaminess of the meat. So to me, cranberry is a must."

Thanksgiving celebrators are generally divided on whether it's better to have cranberry sauce from a can or homemade. About one-quarter (24%) say the canned sauce is preferable, while 22% want it made from scratch. About one-third (35%) just don't like cranberry sauce, with those under 45 being more likely than older adults to

dislike it.

THE PIE

According the poll, pumpkin pie is the safe bet if you want to make the average guest happy. One-third of U.S. adults who will celebrate Thanksgiving say that's their preferred dessert. Pecan pie got 17%, apple pie was right behind with 15% and sweet potato pie was at 12%. Chocolate pie and cherry or berry pie were in the single digits.

Caya, in Florida, bypasses the pumpkin to go with a regional delicacy. "Being this close to Georgia, I've got to go with pecan," he says. □

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U.S. egg producers conspired to fix prices from 2004 to 2008

By ISABELLA VOLMERT

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — An Illinois jury ruled this week that several major egg producers conspired to limit the U.S.'s supply of eggs in order to raise prices in a lawsuit first filed 12 years ago.

Several large food manufacturing companies including Kraft Foods Global, Inc. and The Kellogg Company alleged in the lawsuit originally filed in 2011 that producers used various means to limit the U.S. domestic supply of eggs to increase the prices of eggs and egg products during the 2000s. The time frame of the conspiracy was an issue throughout the case; jurors ultimately determined damages occurred between 2004-2008.

A jury unanimously delivered its verdict Tuesday in the Northern District of Illinois and damages will be decided in a trial scheduled for next week.

The suppliers include the family company of an Indiana egg farmer running for the U.S. Senate in the state.



Chickens stand in their cage at the Rose Acre Farms, Monday, Nov. 16, 2009, near Stuart, Iowa. Associated Press

Attorneys for the four egg suppliers named in the lawsuit did not immediately return phone messages on Wednesday. Court documents show the defendants denied the claims.

The jury found that the egg suppliers exported eggs to reduce the overall supply in the domestic market, as well as limiting the number of chickens through means including cage space, early slaughter and flock reduction, court documents

say.

"We are incredibly pleased by the jury's decision to hold egg producers Cal-Maine Foods and Rose Acre Farms accountable alongside United Egg Producers and United States Egg Marketers for conspir-

ing to inflate the price of eggs," Brandon Fox, an attorney representing the food manufacturers, said in a statement. "For the first time, the defendants have been held liable for their antitrust violations. We are now going to turn our attention to the damages phase."

Court documents say the jury found the food manufacturers suffered injury in the timeframe of 2004 to 2008. Jurors were specifically told not to consider more recent egg pricing during their deliberations. Other food manufacturers joining as plaintiffs in the lawsuit against the egg producers are General Mills, Inc. and Nestle USA, Inc. The jury found the egg suppliers who participated in the conspiracy were Cal-Maine Foods, Inc., United Egg Producers, Inc., United States Egg Marketers, Inc. and Rose Acre Farms, Inc., a southern Indiana-based company previously chaired by John Rust. □

AP source: 2 people in vehicle that exploded at NY/Canada border crossing declared dead at scene

By CAROLYN THOMPSON

Associated Press

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (AP)

— A vehicle exploded at a checkpoint on the American side of a U.S.-Canada bridge in Niagara Falls Wednesday, leaving two people dead and prompting the closing of four border crossings in the area, authorities said.

There was no immediate information the cause of the explosion, but it raised concerns on both sides of the border. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said officials were "taking this extraordinary seriously," and the White House said President Joe Biden was "closely following developments."

The two deceased people were in the vehicle, a law enforcement official told The Associated Press. The

official was not authorized to discuss details of the investigation publicly and spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity.

"This is obviously a very serious situation in Niagara Falls," Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said in Parliament, before he excused himself from Question Period in the House of Commons to be briefed further.

The blast happened on the U.S. side of the Rainbow Bridge, which connects the two countries across the Niagara River. Three other bridges between western New York and Ontario were quickly closed as a precaution, and the Buffalo-Niagara International Airport began security checks on all cars and told passengers to expect additional screenings. Trudeau said

that "additional measures" were being contemplated and activated at border crossings across Canada.

The FBI's field office in Buffalo said in a statement that it was investigating the blast, and investigators with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were also responding to the scene.

Photos and video taken by bystanders and posted on social media showed thick smoke, flames on the pavement and a security booth that had been singed by flames.

Videos showed that the fire was in a U.S. Customs and Border Protection area just east of the main vehicle checkpoint.

Speaking to WGRZ-TV, Mike Guenther said he saw a vehicle speeding toward the crossing from the U.S.

side of the border when it swerved to avoid another car, crashed into a fence and exploded.

"All of a sudden he went up in the air and then it was a ball of fire like 30 or 40 feet high," Guenther told the station. "I never saw any-

thing like it."

From inside Niagara Falls State Park, Melissa Raffalow said she saw "a huge plume of black smoke" rise up over the border crossing, roughly 50 yards (45 meters) away from the popular tourist destination. □



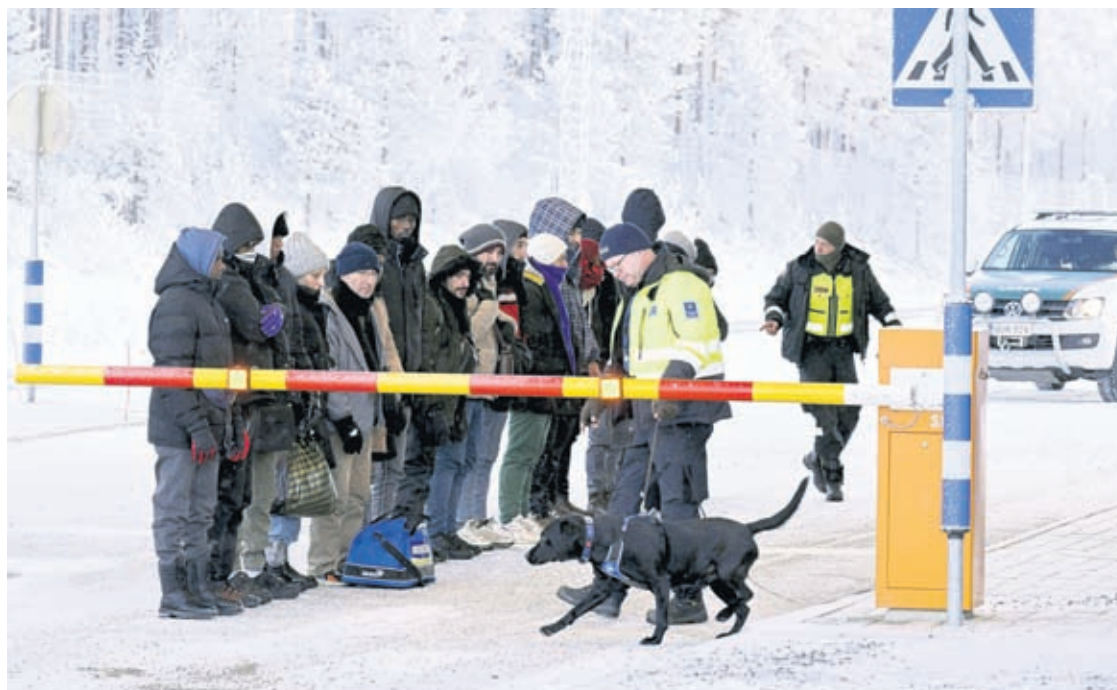
Debris is scattered about inside the customs plaza at the Rainbow Bridge border crossing, Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023, in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

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Finland erects barriers at border with Russia to control influx of migrants

By JARI TANNER
Associated Press

HELSINKI (AP) — Finnish border guards and soldiers began erecting barriers including concrete obstacles topped with barbed-wire at some crossing points on the Nordic country's lengthy border with Russia to better control an influx of migrants, officials said Wednesday. Finland said it will close three more crossing points, leaving only one Arctic point open for migrants seeking asylum. Some 600 migrants without proper visas and documentation, mostly from the Middle East and Africa, have arrived in Finland in November compared to a few dozen in September and October. The arrivals include residents of Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Kenya, Morocco and Somalia, border officials said. "We need to do this to maintain order (at the crossing points) and guarantee the security of legal border traffic," Tomi Tirkkonen, deputy commander of the Kainuu bor-



Migrants look at a Finnish Customs official's dog at the international border crossing at Salla, northern Finland, on Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023.

Associated Press

der guard district in eastern Finland, told The Associated Press. The Kremlin has voiced regret about Finland's decision to close the checkpoints and rejected Finnish authorities' claims that Russia has encouraged the influx of migrants at the border to punish Finland for joining NATO. Tirkkonen's district monitors

and surveils two of Finland's nine crossing points on the border with Russia, which runs 1,340 kilometers (830 miles), serves as the European Union's external border and makes up NATO's northeastern flank. The Finnish government decided to close four busy Russia border crossings in southeastern Finland last

week over suspicions of foul play by Russia's border officials.

Late on Wednesday, Prime Minister Petteri Orpo told reporters that measures taken on Nov. 16 "unfortunately haven't been able to stop this phenomenon; on the contrary." He said the government would therefore close three

more crossing points — Vartiuss, Kuusamo and Salla — and leave open only Raja-Jooseppi, Finland's northernmost checkpoint with Russia.

It's located about 1,100 kilometers (684 miles) north of the capital, Helsinki, and will remain, as of Saturday, the only Finnish crossing point that accepts asylum applications from migrants coming from Russia.

"Undoubtedly Russia is instrumentalizing migrants" as part of its "hybrid warfare" against Finland, said Finnish Foreign Minister Elina Valtonen on Wednesday. Finland joined NATO in April after decades of military non-alignment and pragmatic friendly relations with Moscow.

"We have proof showing that, unlike before, not only Russian border authorities are letting people without proper documentation to the Finnish border but they are also actively helping them to the border zone," Valtonen said in an interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday. □

France remains 'le grand fromage' in the EU, and Camembert remains in a wooden box

By RAF CASERT
Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union has long known that the way to France's heart is through its stomach. So, don't touch the Camembert never, ever. On Wednesday, legislators at the European Parliament made sure it won't happen anytime soon. Tucked in a proposal on streamlining and optimizing waste management throughout the 27-nation bloc, some French cheese producers in recent weeks sniffed out something and turned it into a culinary stink. They claimed that the proposal's wording would make it illegal for the famous cheese to be cradled into its usual wooden pack-

aging for its final weeks of ripening and, eventually, sale. The round box is as essentially Camembert as its unctuous texture and pungent smell. Suddenly, there was a fren-

zied flutter that something fundamentally French would fall foul of the Brussels bureaucrats derisively known by many as Eurocrats who are all too often blamed for flaws real and

false.

"It is a matter of common sense. Don't touch our Camemberts!" said Jean-Paul Garraud, a member of the European Parliament for France's far-right Rassemblement National.

The reasoning was this: If Camembert were forced into something easier to recycle like plastic, the perfect breathing of the cheese through wood might instead produce something sweaty and flabby. Wood, however, is hard to recycle sustainably, and the EU wants to remove it from food packaging as much as possible. Environment Commissioner Virginijus Sinkevicius said ahead of Wednesday's vote that the EU would make sure that the raw-milk

specialized non-industrial Camemberts those with a controlled designation of origin will be exempt from any such regulation.

Even Gen. Charles de Gaulle, the French World War II hero and later president of the nation, knew all about such gourmet sensitivities. "How do you want to run a country that has 246 kinds of cheese," he was quoted as complaining.

Wednesday's action proved that cheese can be an effective binding agent, as European legislators ranging from free-trade liberals to the far-right made sure that an amendment to allow wooden boxes in case of exceptional circumstances would survive. □



A Camembert is on sale in a Ville d'Avray cheese shop, outside Paris, Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023.

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Mexican officials admit secrecy-shrouded border train project had no environmental impact study

By **DANIEL SHAILER**

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The governor of Mexico's northern state of Sonora acknowledged Tuesday that a secrecy-shrouded train project was an army undertaking that has not yet submitted any environmental impact statement, months after construction had already started.

The rail link between the port of Guaymas and the border city of Nogales threatens to cut through and damage environmentally-sensitive conservation lands.

Sonora Gov. Alfonso Durazo justified the new rail line project saying it would solve the problem of a rail line that passed through the center of Nogales by diverting rail traffic outside the city.

But while the state is partially financing the project, Durazo said it is "being carried out by the Defense department," adding that the state's operational role is limited to helping the Army secure the rights-of-way.

The Sonora state govern-



Construction continues for a new train line in northern Mexico, in San Lorenzo, Sonora state, Mexico, Monday, Nov. 13, 2023.

ment is trying to convert Guaymas, on the Gulf of California, into a major container port, but the current railway connection to the United States cuts the city of Nogales in half.

The new rail line cuts a completely new path well south of Nogales that threatens to cut through the Aribabi ranch, a federally designated Natural Protected Area, and the town of Imuris, 40

miles (65 kilometers) south of the U.S.-Mexico border.

The project illustrates the power that Mexico's president Andrés Manuel López Obrador has given to the army, which has been allowed to sidestep normal permitting and environmental standards. This has been the case of the Maya Train tourist rail line on the Yucatan peninsula, which cut a swath through the

jungle.

In the face of court challenges and criticism, López Obrador in 2021 passed a law stating the projects of importance to "national security" would not have to submit impact statements until up to a year after they start construction.

Under Mexico's environmental laws, sidestepping impact assessments ought to be "completely illegal,"

said said Alex Olivera, a senior scientist with the Center for Biological Diversity. "But this is AMLO's government, so probably they will say that it is 'strategic infrastructure'" like the Maya Train, and therefore exempt.

Opponents have been unable to get even the most basic information on the train line, with no federal, local or state authority willing to take responsibility for the \$350 million project to build 40 miles (63 kilometers) of train line.

Even though parts are already under construction and government contractors have begun felling trees and bulldozing the path for the railroad toward the Aribabi ranch home to a rare combination of black bears and jaguars no environmental impact statement has ever been filed. "Because it is a strategic project, it is the responsibility of the Environment Department and we have a year to submit the environmental impact, and that is well under way," Durazo said. □

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IAEA head says the barring of several nuclear inspectors by Iran is a 'serious blow' to monitoring

By **STEPHANIE LIECHTENSTEIN**

Associated Press

VIENNA (AP) — The head

of the International Atomic Energy Agency said Wednesday that Iran's decision in September to bar



International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General, Rafael Grossi, addresses the media during a news conference following an IAEA Board of Governors meeting in Vienna, Austria, Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023.

Associated Press

several experienced U.N. inspectors from monitoring the country's nuclear program constituted "a very serious blow" to the agency's ability to do its job "to the best possible level."

IAEA Director-General Rafael Mariano Grossi said that while the U.N. nuclear watchdog continued to perform its monitoring work, Iran had targeted inspectors "who have a lot of experience, particularly in enrichment and other capacities."

"It takes a long time to prepare inspectors who have the necessary amount of experience, skills and ability to perform their work," Grossi told reporters on the first day of a regular meet-

ing of the IAEA Board of Governors in Vienna.

While refusing to get into specific numbers or names, Grossi said that the ban concerned one-third of the core group of the agency's most experienced inspectors designated for Iran.

"This is completely uncalled for, this is completely illogical," he said.

Grossi said that he hoped to "reverse" Iran's decision and that he is having "a conversation" about the issue with Mohammad Eslami, the head of Iran's civilian nuclear program.

The comments come after a confidential IAEA report last week said that Iran continues to bar several of the watchdog's inspec-

tors from monitoring the country's nuclear program, and that Tehran has further increased its stockpile of near weapons-grade uranium.

The IAEA said that according to its assessment, as of Oct. 28, Iran has an estimated 128.3 kilograms (282.9 pounds) of uranium enriched up to 60% purity, which represents an increase of 6.7 kilograms since its September report. Iran has long denied ever seeking nuclear weapons and continues to insist that its nuclear program is entirely for peaceful purposes, such as for use in medicine, agriculture, industry and science. □



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ORANJESTAD — On May 11th, 2010, the **Aruba Birdlife Conservation** was founded with the aim of protecting the biodiversity in general and birds in and around Aruba in particular.

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descriptions from the foundations Facebook page.

The Great Egret

Serenity in Aruba's National Park, a Great Egret flying in peace. When it is peaceful and quite, beautiful things start happening in nature.

Canadian in the house

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Alto Vista chapel and its link to Aruba's origins

According to Etnia Nativa, in the 18th century most of the inhabitants of Aruba were indigenous who lived on the north coast, one of the largest communities lived in Alto Vista.

As they were very religious, they had a chief with the name of Antonio Silvester who guided them in the Christian life and it was he who decided to build a stone chapel with a roof of corn rods, which would serve as a place of prayer. In 1750 it was blessed by Father Algemesi who came from Coro-Venezuela and appointed Domingo Antonio Silvester as the island's first prosecutor in the name of the Spanish crown and Rome. In 1752 the prosecution passed into the hands of Antonio Silvester's son-in-law, Miguel Álvarez, who continued to guide the parishioners in their prayers.

According to the book, The History of Alto Vista by R.H. Nooyen, it is not known when Domingo Antonio Silvester came to Aruba from Venezuela. The elders believe Antonio was a Spaniard. In 1780, father Joseph Antonio de la Vegal called Bernardino Silvester, one of Antonio's sons with his wife Anna Cathalina Tromp, "neighbors and naturals of the island Aruba" and thus they became natives.

At the end of the eighteen century many inhabitants the island died as a result of the black fever epidemic and since people believed that the Alto Vista area was the most infected, they began to build their homes further south within the Noord area, so the town of Noord began to grow into a community till getting its own Church. However religious festivals continued to be celebrated at this sa-

cred native place, with the custom of arriving in procession to Alto Vista.

Two-hundred years after the beautiful time of Alto Vista, people can no longer see much of the town of Alto Vista from 1750. With a lot of work they found the old foundations of the Church of the Queen of the Holiest Rosary to build a new chapel on the same place. The entire surrounding area was empty and desolated, making it hard to imagine that Alto Vista was a town at all. A hundred years later, people can see the remains of around twenty houses, some made of stone and others of clay. Nowadays, only around six of these houses remain.

South of the chapel in the yard two graves can be observed, there was the cemetery which father Pablo de Algemesi blessed.



It is not certain, but it is believed that the two graves belong to Antonio Silvester and Miguel Alvares, according to Nooyen. About 50 meters near the chapel there are still the markings of an old house, where Antonio and Bernardino Silvester would have lived. About 200 meters from the chapel there is a water tank which the locals call Tanki Cacique. In the past this tank was closed. But mostly water was brought

out from the Poz di Noord, a well dug in the sand.

The chapel can be viewed from basically any point in the north side, even from Paradera and Sero Plat. All the historical remains around the chapel provide us with an idea on how the old people of Alto Vista used to live. Don't miss the opportunity to visit a place of historical significance with a window to Aruba's past. □

Aruba Tourism Authority honors a loyal visitor at Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino



The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure of recognizing a Goodwill Ambassador of Aruba. This honoree was honored with a certificate acknowledging her years of visits, loyalty, and love for the island of Aruba.

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Goodwill Ambassador of Aruba
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Ms. Kimberley Richardson representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino bestowed the certificate to the honoree, presented her with memorable gifts, and also thanked her for choosing Aruba as her best-loved vacation destination, as her home away

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The honor certification is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation and to say "Masha Danki" to guests who have visited Aruba 10, 20, or 35 years or more consecutively.

The three honoring levels are as follows:

Distinguished Visitor (10>years consecutively visiting Aruba)

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Emerald Ambassador (35>years consecutively visiting Aruba)

The honorees were:

Emerald Ambassadors

Mr. Rod & Mrs. Tammy Rothermel from Michi-

gan, United States.

Ms. Kimberley Richardson representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of the Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort bestowed the Emerald Ambassador certificate to the honorees, presented them with gifts, and also thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination, as their home away from home.

Top reasons for returning to Aruba, provided by the honorees were:

- Aruba's warm and friendly people who always treat them like family.
- Aruba's sun, sand, and Tradewinds.
- "Friends we have met over the years."
- "The love for fishing."
- Aruba's turquoise waters.

On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the honorees for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island". □



Why You Should Not Miss Aruba's Free City Center Street Car Tour

ORANJESTAD - Aruba's City Center Street Car - or as we call it in Dutch; "Tram van Oranjestad" - is a single track tram line in Oranjestad, the capital city of Aruba. It was inaugurated on 22 December 2012, being the first and so far the only passenger rail service on Aruba and the rest of the Dutch Caribbean.

an. There are two trolleys, a single-deck one with 42 seats and a double-decker with 64 seats. The line was inspired by the popular battery-powered streetcar operation at the Grove in Los Angeles, USA. Aruba's streetcars are powered by hydrogen fuel cells, which are charged by the island's year-round trade

winds.

Caya Betico Croes, mostly referred to as our "main street" has been developed into a pollution-free pedestrian mall. The double-decker offers you a 360 degree view of the downtown area with a picture perfect scenery of the island's clear blue skies. Who would not enjoy a ride on this beautiful and naturally air-conditioned vehicle? The tour consists of a total of 9 stops approximately 200 meters apart from each other; all stops are clearly marked. The tram will bring you close to different museums, historical plazas, monuments, the Protestant church, Aruba's high-end mall, retail shops,

and a variety of local and international cuisine restaurants. The "I love Aruba" trademark also belongs to that list. The third stop on the route is close to a 5-minute walk to the famous Renaissance Marina showcasing luxurious yachts and Aruba's blue waters.

The "Tram van Oranjestad"

starts from a balloon loop near the Port of Call and serves the downtown area and ends at Plaza Nicky. The first ride starts at 10:00 am sharp with intervals of 25 minutes. The last trolley departs from the cruise port at 5:00pm. Don't miss this tour of the beautiful Aruba's City Center- it is free for all! □



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Episode LXXVI - 76 The native element of culture

ORANJESTAD — Culture is the result of the raw material available, a heritage backpack of wisdom, technology, creativity and the desire to improve on a personal level.

Each native culture is different, therefore for the Romans, the Germanic people were barbarians. The Saxons considered the Vikings who ravaged their shores demons, while Christians and Muslims accused each other of being animals while fighting their holy wars. History shows that human beings have an irrational fear for those they consider different and different beliefs or ways of life often become obstacles to seeking a common understanding and coexistence. When we consider the American continent, from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego we will be amazed of how many different native cultures we encounter that structured their economy on hunting and agriculture, deeply relating, coexisting with their natural environment for their survival and with their spiritual relationship of all things.

Within this context, we know that the vocabulary of all indigenous languages lacks a word that means "religion": their beliefs and spirituality were so intrinsically linked to everything that they did on a daily basis (be it economic, political, artistic, etc.) that a term was not necessary to designate to it.

There is no common culture among all Amerindian tribes and there is no common religion however their animistic expression and ceremonies are one in spirit with the natural way of life of the Pacha. There are no sacred texts or a mythology that all tribes believe in. However, in the particular mythology of each tribe there is always a Great Spirit, the great creator of all things or god. There is also the belief that the earth's natural resources could be applied, however if this is in ones benefit something should be given in exchange for that. Fur-



thermore, the spiritual leaders of the tribe (mistakenly called by the white "shamans") were believed to be capable of communicating with the spirit world.

Although writing systems existed before the arrival of the colonists, a very few indigenous tribes did put their history, beliefs or wisdom in writing. Culture was transmitted orally from generation to generation. This has led

some abusers to take advantage of the knowledge of many tribes, since before oral tradition could be part of the Intellectual Property Law, some American companies had used and patented medicinal and botanical knowledge obtained by indigenous people to gain economic benefit by becoming the true authors of the discovery or cure. For those to whom native cultures seem to be something strange, they will only deprive them-

selves of experiencing the spirit of a real vision or to live an ancestral experience.

Symbolism, folk rites, and tribal customs are a native way of being grateful, celebrate life and be ready for defending it against thieves of land, language, cultural identity and spirituality as there are still menaces to nature and this fading way of life.

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Don't forget to visit Aruba's famous Red Anchor

At the south east coast of the island, standing alone on a windswept and barren land stands a popular Aruba landmark – a large anchor. It overlooks the sea just beyond, watching over the shipping lanes. It stands there in memory and in honor of all seamen who have lost their life at sea.

Where to Find the Anchor?

The anchor is a “must see” landmark when you visit Aruba. It is among the most photographed historical landmarks for the island. You want to make sure you add this stop on your itinerary when your visiting the south coast of Aruba. The bright red anchor against the backdrop of the deep blue Caribbean sea and the azure blue skies, make a great backdrop for your vacation pictures.

The anchor is located at the entrance to Gate 6 to the former Lago Colony. It is on the outskirts of Seroe Colorado, on the south east point of the island at the “T” junction to Baby Beach.

Depending on where you are staying on the island, follow the signs that indicate the way to Baby Beach. Once you reach the T-junction, it will be right in front of you.

About the Anchor

Size

It will be hard to miss the anchor, it's huge! The anchor that weighs 21,772 kilos, is approximately 10 feet 6 inches wide and 15 feet, 6 inches tall.

On the anchor there are some numbers. The 4112 and 4115, which are believed to be the serial numbers that refer to the “fluke” or horizontal and vertical parts of the anchor, respectively. The number 21772K refers to the weight of the anchor in kilos.

This type of anchor was manufactured by Hoesch Dortmund Horde, at a foundry located in Germany.

Where did the Anchor Come From?

There are a number of stories as to the origins of the anchor, which one do you think it was? (Unfortunately the mystery has never been solved, so your imagination can pick which one you think it might be!)

Story 1:

“According to Mr. Manuel M. Curiel, an ex-Lago Tug Captain, a fully laden VLCC (Very Large Crude Carrier) was seeking a mooring at the 15-mile anchorage, known as Bara, on the southern part of



The Red Anchor situated at the entrance of former Lago Colony in San Nicolas

the island. This is the usual shallow mooring location for ships awaiting orders, etc. The weather was rough with strong current. The normal procedure is that they would walk out three shackles (about 90 feet) until the anchor touches the bottom while the chain must rest on the bottom. Subsequently, they will walk out some extra shackles and when the ship starts to swing or lean on one side, the anchor is properly set. Because of the rough weather, unfortunately they did not get the time to walk out the extra tackles and because of the tension exerted on the winch, it broke, and they lost the anchor and its chain.”

Story 2:

“Mr. Curiel also said that at one time a small tanker with a Korean crew, while lifting their anchor also lifted another anchor near the inner harbor. When the ship asked for assistance, he went with his tugboat along with a barge, to help. But eventually they had to cut the chain and let the anchor go to the bottom because they could not untangle them.”

How Did The Anchor Become a Landmark?

Sometime between 1980 and 1985, three gentlemen (Mr. Wim Martinus – the Harbormaster of Aruba;

Mr. August Genser – the ex-Division Superintendent of Lago's Laboratory; and Mr. Willie Davis – Owner of Filtec at Zeewijk in San Nicolas), were having a conversation with Mr. Charlie Brouns Jr. at his famous Charlie's Bar and Restaurant in San Nicolas. Charlie, who was a visionary and had dreams for developing the San Nicolas area, told these gentlemen that he would like to come up with something innovative for the San Nicolas area to draw tourism to the area.

The “anchor”, which at that time was being stored at the Oranjestad harbor, was suggested as an option. Charlie liked the idea! He then contacted the President of Lago for permission to acquire the anchor. He was granted permission and the anchor was then relocated to its present location and dedicated “To All Seamen” on the occasion of the closing of the Lago Oil Refinery on March 31, 1985.

Through the Years

Through the years the Anchor was slowly weathering from the wind and salt. As time passed, sadly the origin and purpose of the anchor slowly faded away from people's memories.

After Charles Brouns Jr died on September 15, 2004, his friend Mr. Sam

Speziale, requested assistance from the management of Valero Aruba Refinery to help maintain the monument. The Valero Aruba Refinery, graciously sandblasted and painted the anchor and poured a concrete pad around it. On April 17, 2005, the anchor monument was rededicated “To All Seamen” in a formal ceremony in memory of Charles Brouns Jr.

Today, the anchor stands both as memorial to all seaman who have lost their lives at sea, but also as a silent reminder that Seroe Colorado is part of San Nicolas and that San Nicolas is still a vibrant and important part of the island of Aruba.

The Best Time to Visit

When your planning your visit to the south end of the island, you will want to include in your itinerary the many things to see and do there. The anchor will be just one of these stops, (keep an eye out for our future editions, we publish our recommendations!).

With that being said, I have to say, if you enjoy catching a sunrise, the anchor is one of the best places on the island to catch the sunrise. But in reality, anytime is a good time to visit, depending on your personal schedule. □

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE BOND THAT LINKS YOUR TRUE FAMILY IS NOT ONE OF BLOOD, BUT OF RESPECT AND JOY IN EACH OTHER'S LIFE. — RICHARD BACH

Black Friday is almost here. What to know about the holiday sales event's history and evolution



Crowds walk past a large store sign displaying a Black Friday discount in midtown Manhattan, Friday, Nov. 23, 2018, in New York.

Associated Press

By WYATTE GRANTHAM-PHILIPS

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — If you didn't already guess it from a barrage of sales ads in your inbox, the holiday shopping season is upon us. And Black Friday is right around the corner.

While Black Friday may no longer look like the crowd-filled, in-person mayhem that it was just decades ago in large part due to the rising dependence on online shopping that was accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic the holiday sales event is still slated to attract millions of consumers.

The National Retail Federation projects that an estimated 182 million are planning to shop in-stores and online through the five-day Thanksgiving weekend. Black Friday is set to lead the charge, making up for 130.7 million of the potential shoppers.

At the same time, economists note that fear of inflation, while down from a year ago, is still a concern looming in consumers'

minds and could lead to somewhat modest spending this season. The extension of Black Friday sales and growing strength of other shopping events (hello Cyber Monday) is also changing what holiday spending looks like today. Here's what you need to know about Black Friday's history and where things stand in 2023.

WHEN IS BLACK FRIDAY IN 2023?

Black Friday falls on the Friday after Thanksgiving each year. In 2023, Black Friday is Nov. 24.

HOW OLD IS BLACK FRIDAY? WHERE DOES ITS NAME COME FROM?

The term "Black Friday" is several generations old, but it wasn't always associated with the holiday retail frenzy that we know today. The gold market crash of September 1869, for example, was notably dubbed Black Friday.

The phrase's use in relation to shopping the day after Thanksgiving, however, is most often traced to Philadelphia in the mid-20th century when police

and other city workers had to deal with large crowds who collected before the annual Army-Navy game and to take advantage of seasonal sales.

"That's why the bus drivers and cab drivers call today 'Black Friday.' They think in terms of headaches it gives them," a Gimbels department store sales manager told The Associated Press in 1975, while watching a police officer try to control jaywalkers the day after Thanksgiving. Earlier references date back to the 50s and 60s.

Jie Zhang, a professor of marketing and the Harvey Sanders Fellow of Retail Management at the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business, points to a 1951 mention of "Black Friday" in a New-York based trade publication which noted that many workers called in sick the day after Thanksgiving in hopes of having a long holiday weekend.

Starting in the 1980s, retailers nationwide also began claiming that Black Friday represented the time when they went from operating in the red to the black as sales boost profits. But since many operate in the black at various times of the year, this interpretation should be taken with a grain of salt, experts say.

HOW HAS BLACK FRIDAY EVOLVED?

In recent decades, Black Friday became infamous for floods of people in jam-packed stores and endless lines of shoppers camped out at midnight in hopes of scoring deep discounts.

But the rise of online shopping has made it easier to do most, if not all, holiday purchases from your couch something that was only accelerated by COVID-19. And while malls and in-person stores have bounced back to decent-sized crowds compared to the start of the pandemic, the growing strength of e-commerce isn't going away. □

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OpenAI brings back Sam Altman as CEO just days after his firing unleashed chaos



Sam Altman, left, appears onstage with Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella at OpenAI's first developer conference, on Nov. 6, 2023, in San Francisco.

Associated Press

By **MATT O'BRIEN**
AP Technology Writer

The ousted leader of ChatGPT maker OpenAI will return to the company that fired him just days ago, concluding a short but chaotic power struggle that shocked the tech industry and underscored the conflicts around how to safely build artificial intelligence. The San Francisco-based company said late Tuesday that it "reached an agreement in principle" for co-founder Sam Altman to return as CEO under a different board of directors. The board will be led by former Salesforce co-CEO Bret Taylor, who chaired Twitter's board before Elon Musk took over the platform last year. The other members will be former U.S. Treasury Secretary Larry Summers and Quora CEO Adam D'Angelo. OpenAI's previous board, which included D'Angelo,

had refused to give specific reasons for firing Altman, leading to a week-end of internal conflict at the company and growing outside pressure from the startup's investors. The turmoil also accentuated the differences between Altman who's become the face of generative AI's rapid commercialization since ChatGPT's arrival a year ago and board members who have expressed deep reservations about the safety risks posed by AI as it gets more advanced. "The OpenAI episode shows how fragile the AI ecosystem is right now, including addressing AI's risks," said Johann Laux, an expert at the Oxford Internet Institute focusing on human oversight of artificial intelligence. Before the board was replaced, venture capitalist Vinod Khosla, a vocal

Altman supporter whose firm is an OpenAI investor, wrote in an opinion column at The Information that board members had set back the "tremendous benefits" of AI by misapplying their "religion of 'effective altruism.'"

Some of OpenAI's board members over the years have had ties to effective altruism, the philanthropic social movement that prioritizes donating to projects that will have the greatest impact on the largest number of people, including humans in the future.

While many effective altruists believe AI could offer powerful benefits, they also advocate for mitigating the technology's potential risks.

Helping to drive Altman's return and the installation of a new board was Microsoft, which has invested billions of dollars in OpenAI and has rights to its existing

technology.

After Altman's dismissal, the software giant quickly moved to hire him, as well as another OpenAI co-founder and former president, Greg Brockman, who quit in protest after Altman's removal. That emboldened a threat to resign by hundreds of OpenAI employees, who signed a letter calling for the board's resignation and Altman's return. □

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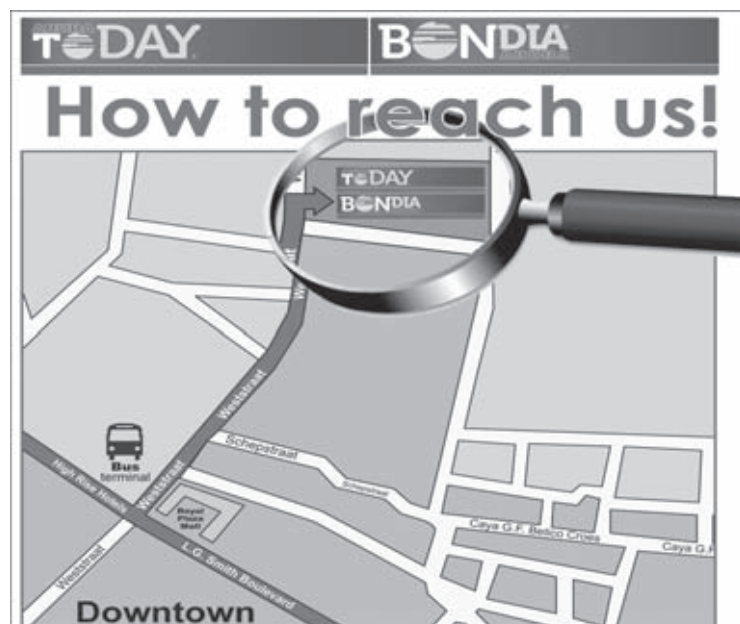
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Emerald Fennell chronicles a promising young man in audacious, shock-filled 'Saltburn'

By **JOCELYN NOVECK**
AP National Writer

Two years ago Emerald Fennell stood on the Oscars stage hoisting her writing trophy for "Promising Young Woman," a scathing look at rape culture and a balancing act of wit, style, shock value, audacity, great acting and pitch-black humor plus a timely #MeToo message.

That's a lot for a debut film, and we didn't even mention the best director nomination. Not surprisingly, anticipation has been hot for the writer-director's next effort (as an actor, she's already graced a little film this year called "Barbie," in the suitably dark role of pregnant, discontinued Midge).

Now "Saltburn" is here, and the results are enticing but decidedly mixed perhaps because Fennell seems to be trying to one-up herself by leaning on the shock value, at the eventual expense of other storytelling elements.

Make no mistake, the clever writing is here, as is the style, the sleek technique,



This image released by Amazon Prime Video shows a scene from "Saltburn."

Associated Press

and some terrific performances (Rosamund Pike is especially delicious in a supporting role). What's missing, or muddled, is the message and perhaps even more, the heart. After two hours of cringing and gasping in both awe and discomfort, we're left admiring the "how" of what

she's doing but still figuring out the "why."

One thing that's not lacking: beauty. Unsurprisingly, Fennell excels at lush production values, especially in presenting the imposing, seductive and somewhat debauched Saltburn no, not a person, but a country manor! This is England, and

a story of class dynamics, so it's surely fitting that the star be a piece of real estate. (And let's just say, the phrase "real estate porn" takes on an added dimension here.)

We start, though, at Oxford. Here we meet our main character, Oliver Quick (and if that doesn't take

you straight back to Dickens, nothing will). It's 2006, and Oliver (Barry Keoghan, ever-watchable and unpredictable) is a freshman on scholarship, feeling out of his league. At his first tutorial, he announces he read all 50 books on the summer reading list. His bemused teacher tells him nobody does that.

Oliver soon learns that life at Oxford isn't about what you've read, but who you know. In the Hogwarts-style dining hall, he can barely find someone to sit with only a needy mathematics major. He has no earthly connection to the rest of the privileged, entitled (and in some cases, titled) student body, but aches to fit in.

And then aristocratic golden boy Felix appears, like a Greek god. Played by Jacob Elordi, currently appearing as Elvis in "Priscilla," Felix is gorgeous and effortlessly rakish; he seems to have never encountered hardship. Unless you count a flat tire on his bike, which is how Oliver meets him, lending his own bike so Felix can get to class. □



This image released by Far Out Productions shows "The World Is a Ghetto" by War, the 50th Anniversary Collector's Edition.

Associated Press

By **RON HARRIS**
Associated Press

A remastered and well-presented five LP box set

of War's best-selling album "The World Is a Ghetto" recaptures that slice of time when multicultural rock

Review: War is good as 50th anniversary of 'The World Is a Ghetto' shines in premium box set

reached its first peak. War dependably delivered a fusion of rock and Latin rhythms in the early '70s, coming out of the age of musical psychedelia. The Southern California band originally called Eric Burdon and War gave us music for the working class, with lyrics bemoaning political infighting and frequently urging social harmony.

The band, initially formed to back Burdon as he plotted his next musical endeavor after the Animals, took on a life of its own and was spurred into success by a fan base that crossed cultural boundaries.

"The Cisco Kid" sounds clean and defined as ren-

dered on the 50th anniversary remaster on gorgeous gold colored vinyl. The instrumentals are nicely separated for this side one song on Billboard's best-selling album of 1973.

The stabs of keyboard work from founding member Lonnie Jordan are a mainstay of War's music, and shine on tracks like "City, Country, City," a long-winded jam session. Bonus tracks on separate vinyl in the set include "Lee's Latin Jam" with its upbeat, heavy horn work.

The highlight is hearing the band work through the making of "The Cisco Kid," with an entire 25 minute track occupying an entire

LP side as the group hash-es out different percussion approaches for the beginning, and searching for the right tone on vocals. The liner notes explain the song was the band's nod to the heroic Mexican caballero of comic book and television fame, because he was "the only non-Anglo superhero on television."

War's music maintained through decades, earning the band more than 20 gold, platinum and multi-platinum records.

They were Santana with a little less guitar and a few more horns, and quickly became a Southern California car culture favorite. Best of all, War endured. □

Winning another Super Bowl without Tyreek Hill won't be easy for Patrick Mahomes, Chiefs

By **ROB MAADDI**
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Coach Andy Reid figured out his franchise quarterback needed a true No. 1 wide receiver after five seasons as a head coach and three straight losses in the NFC championship game. Now, Patrick Mahomes knows what Donovan McNabb went through in Philadelphia. McNabb's top wide receivers in his first five seasons were Torrance Small, Charles Johnson, James Thrash and Todd Pinkston. When the Eagles acquired Terrell Owens in 2004, McNabb had his best season and the team reached the Super Bowl. Reid, Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs have won two Super Bowls together, including one last year without Tyreek Hill. But it'll be hard for them to win another one without a dependable receiver other than tight end Travis Kelce. Marquez Valdes-Scantling dropped what should've been a go-ahead 51-yard TD pass in the fourth quarter and Justin Watson couldn't catch a fourth-and-25 pass that went through his



Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Marquez Valdes-Scantling is unable to catch a pass during the fourth quarter of an NFL football game against the Philadelphia Eagles, Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, in Kansas City, Mo.

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hands to seal Kansas City's 21-17 loss to Philadelphia on Monday night. After seeing Owens' impact on McNabb and the Eagles, Reid began to prioritize wide receivers. He drafted DeSean Jackson and Jeremy Maclin in Philly, brought Maclin to Kansas City and hit a home run on

Hill in the fifth round of the 2016 NFL draft. But the Chiefs (7-3) didn't replace Hill after trading the All-Pro receiver to Miami before last season and they went on to beat the Eagles in the Super Bowl anyway. JuJu Smith-Schuster led the wide receivers with 78 catches for 933

yards while Kelce had 110 catches for 1,338 yards. Smith-Schuster left in free agency and Kansas City selected Rashee Rice in the second round of the draft to help fill the void this season. Rice leads the wide receivers with 36 receptions for 420 yards through 10 games. He wasn't much

of a factor on Monday, catching four balls for 42 yards. Watson had five receptions on 11 targets for 53 yards and one TD. Valdes-Scantling had no catches on three targets, including the costly drop. The Chiefs lead the NFL with 26 drops this season. They have the fewest second-half points in the league, including zero in the past three games. Of course, it's not all on the receivers. They had two turnovers Mahomes' interception and Kelce's fumble in the red zone against Philadelphia. The Chiefs already have as many losses as last season when they won their seventh straight AFC West title and hosted the conference title game for the fifth consecutive year. They've got a much-improved defense that will help overcome the offense's deficiencies, but Mahomes needs a reliable outside threat to catch the deep ball and make big plays. The Chiefs visit the Las Vegas Raiders (5-6) on Sunday after falling a half-game behind Baltimore for the AFC's No. 1 seed. □

Tiger Woods and son Charlie to play in PNC Championship again

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
AP Golf Writer

Tiger Woods is returning to the PNC Championship, the 36-hole event that has become one of his favor-

ites because of his partner: His son. Woods and 14-year-old Charlie are playing the PNC Championship for the fourth straight year, the

one tournament he has not missed during the last injury-plagued four years. "It is an amazing gift to be able to share my love of golf with Charlie and we genuinely do look forward to playing in the PNC Championship all years," Woods said Wednesday. "Competing together, against a field of so many golfing greats and their families, is so special." The PNC Championship is Dec. 16-17 at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Club Orlando at Grande Lakes. Woods and son were runner-up in 2021, just 10 months after Woods badly damaged his right leg and ankle in a car crash in Los Angeles. They finished seventh in their 2020 debut and tied for eighth last

year. Woods is to play next week at his Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas for the first time since surgery to fuse his right ankle in April after the Masters. Because the PNC Championship is run by the PGA Tour Champions, Woods is allowed to ride in a cart. The tournament is for major champions or winners of The Players Championship. It began as a father-son outing and now has gone modern, with tour players having sons and daughters, grandchildren, even parents as their partners. New to the field this year is a formidable pair of Steve Stricker, who won three of the four majors he played on the PGA Tour Champions this year, and daugh-

ter Izzi, a state high school champion in Wisconsin. Padraig Harrington is playing for the sixth year, this time with youngest son Ciaran instead of Paddy. "It was actually Ciaran watching Paddy and I play together out there these last couple of years that really ignited his passion for the game, which shows what a very special event this is," Harrington said. "He must have watched me play in hundreds of events over the years and it has taken the unique atmosphere and experience of the PNC Championship to inspire him!" Also back is Lee Trevino, who at 84 is the only player to have competed in the PNC Championship every year since it began in 1995. □



Tiger Woods, left, congratulates his son Charlie Woods, right, after finishing the 18th hole during the first round of the PNC Championship golf tournament Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022, in Orlando, Fla.

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Padres give Mike Shildt another chance to manage 2 years after his Cardinals exit

By **BERNIE WILSON**
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SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego Padres have given Mike Shildt another chance to manage in the big leagues, just two years after his run with St. Louis ended abruptly despite him leading the Cardinals to three straight playoff appearances and winning the 2019 NL Manager of the Year Award.

Shildt signed a two-year contract on Tuesday to replace Bob Melvin, who was hired away by his hometown San Francisco Giants on Oct. 25 with a year left on his contract with the Padres. That ended a fractured two-year relationship with general manager A.J.



San Diego Padres new manager Mike Shildt smiles during a news conference to announce his hiring, Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023, in San Diego.

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Preller. "I'm really grateful for a second act," Shildt said at a Petco Park news conference. "Not everybody gets it. You take for granted there are only 30 of these jobs. I promise you I won't take this one for granted. I'm excited about our team."

Both Shildt and Preller spoke fondly about Peter Seidler, the Padres owner and chairman who died a week earlier at 63.

Seidler dreamed aloud last spring about the Padres winning the World Series and having a parade. But the star-studded roster, which had baseball's third-highest opening day payroll of \$258 million, flopped dramatically and missed the playoffs.

Shildt has been in the organization for two years and said he met often with Seidler "to talk baseball, talk life, talk community, talk charity. What a beautiful soul, as everybody knows. I was very blessed to have gotten to know such a fine gentleman."

There was such a pure goodness about him.

"I'm going to be a big part in helping carry his vision for the San Diego Padres moving forward to ultimately us winning a first World Series championship," Shildt added.

"That'll be one way we can remember the great legacy of Peter Seidler."

Shildt has been a senior advisor to the major league staff and player development department with the Padres since 2022. His familiarity with the team's top minor league prospects could be a bonus in guiding a big league roster led by stars Fernando Tatis Jr., Juan Soto, Manny Machado and Xander Bogaerts.

Shildt filled in as third base coach early in the 2023 season after Matt Williams had colon cancer surgery. The previous season, Shildt also stepped in as third base coach, first base coach and bench coach due to various medical situations. □



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